

# Washington Association of Student Councils

Through the work of local associations  
(Interhighs) and individual schools WASC works  
to provide statewide student representation and  
voice on issues related to education and leadership  
in Washington schools.

## WASC Board

- 30-35 student positions representing local interhighs
  - Meets 4 times annually to provide student voice on educational issues, improve communication and connections between schools, and support student leadership development.
  - WASC Board members selected for 2-year term
- WASC Board President: Cody Traub, Kalama HS
- Representatives to the State Board of Education:
  - Selected in the spring of sophomore year to serve a two-year term.
  - Rotating eastern/western Washington selection.
  - Two-year position began in 1996-97 school year.
  - Gustavo Ramos, Pasco HS
  - Tiffany Thompson, Klahowya Secondary
- WASC Board Advisers: Susan Fortin, Leanne Donley, Greg Barker

## Current Projects

### Student 2 Student ~ Change Your World

Partnership with OSPI to develop meaningful peer education for the class of 2008 and beyond.

### RSVP ~ Raising Student Voice and Participation

A series of student facilitated forums to identify issues and implement action plans focused on improved schools. As part of a partnership with the National Association of Student Councils we will provide training for student leaders to implement this program in their schools.

### Defining the Role of Student Leaders in today's schools

## Define Student Leaders...

Student leaders strive to nurture and empower all students to make a difference in their schools, communities, and world. A student leader displays integrity, cooperation, and respect toward self and others.

## How do student leaders implement the definition?

### Student leaders...

- Act professionally.
- Communicate with the stakeholders in the educational community.
- Cultivate and promote standards of excellence and the highest ideals of leadership.
- Advocate an inclusive environment for all activities and events.
- Facilitate training of all students to be leaders.
- Evaluate personal performance

## Local Associations

- Connect schools and resources.
- Provide schools with tools and training.
- Set yearly association goal.
- Support regional educational reform.
- Promote leadership training opportunities.

## State Association

- Sets leadership trends.
- Involves local associations in educational reform
- Guides and impacts current state legislation.
- Provides training and resources to assist schools and local associations with meeting goals.
- Assists struggling schools and association with resources.
- Works with national association to impact national legislation and issues.

## Suggested configurations

- Interhigh →
  - Local Association of Student Councils
    - Must meet minimum requirements to be affiliated
    - Structure developed locally
    - Open to any school who meets requirements
    - A school that doesn't have a LASC that fits needs may start own
    - Local advisor that acts as LASC advisor to assist with consistency
  - School Association of Student Council
    - Must meet minimum requirements to be affiliated
- Student Councils, Leadership Teams →

## School Requirements

- Unswerving and dependable representatives who understand responsibilities
- Access resources to improve school atmosphere and strive for academic excellence
- Attend WASC Conference and/or summer leadership camps
- Active participation in local association
- Leadership program that works toward the mission of student leadership
- Communicates with partner association schools regularly
- Attend 2/3 of local association meetings
- Implement state and local programs in your school
- Develop programs that promote the vision of student leadership
- Meet regularly with administrators and students to facilitate student leadership opportunities
- Register as an Association of Student Councils school

## Local Requirements

- ❑ Program developed that assists schools in meeting the vision of student leadership
- ❑ In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, program or training opportunities provided for local schools at least twice a year
- ❑ Collect and distribute resources and tools to assist local schools
- ❑ Yearly Association Service Project
- ❑ Submit a written report annually chronicling action and achievement
- ❑ Executive council meets regularly to direct the vision of the local association and attends state-level executive training
- ❑ Recruit additional schools members
- ❑ Functioning constitution
- ❑ Active WASC Board Representative
- ❑ Implements WASC programs
- ❑ Promotes attendance at the WASC Conference and/or summer leadership programs

## Current Interhigh Selection Requirements

- Not from current board member school
- Must sign participation agreement
- Must have advisor, parent and principal sign participation agreement
- Member of leadership team or in leadership class
- School must attend WASC October 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>
- Must attend local interhighs
- Please have junior member by March meeting
- Please be able to articulate the selection process
- Work with advisors on how the reconfiguration of leagues will affect interhigh